



BIBLE TRUTH 2 OVERVIEW

Unit 11: The God Who Saves

Big Question and Answer: "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!"

Bible Verse: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23

Bible Truth 2 Concept: Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved

The Bible tells us that we have all rebelled against God and deserve His punishment for our sins. It tells us that our sins are so great that there is no way that we can ever earn God's forgiveness on our own. None of us can ever save ourselves.

But the good news is that God can! He has provided the way of salvation for sinful people through His Son, Jesus.

Jesus came to earth as a man. He was fully God and fully man. How amazing! He lived a perfect life. He's the only one who has ever done that! On the cross, Jesus offered up His life. He suffered and died as the perfect sacrifice needed for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, showing that He had completely paid for their sins. Yes! He had won the victory over sin and death for them!

Now all who turn away from living a life of sin (repent) and put their trust in Jesus as their Savior will be forgiven their sins. They will be saved from the punishment for their sins they deserve and will live as God's dearly loved people forever.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: John 14:2-6

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being Merciful and being the Provider of the way of salvation for sinners.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to save us. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to make the way for us to be saved.
- T** Thank You, God for sending Jesus to make the way for sinners like us to be saved from our sins.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Make us aware of our sins and our need of Jesus to save us. Help us to confess our sins to You and repent of them. Forgive our sins. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who love You and who You will love forever.

Bible Truth 2 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Way-Maker (New Testament)

John 11-14

Lesson 2: The Case of the Cheeky Chieftess (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Light for the Unlikely (Old Testament)

Genesis 22:18; Isaiah 54:6; Acts 1

1. GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>“Welcome to Praise Factory. We’re so glad you’ve joined us! Here at the PFI we are investigators. (That’s what the “I” stands for!) Investigators look for answers to questions. In PFI, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God’s Word to find them.”</p>
<p>Praise Factory Theme Song</p>	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators <i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 1</i></p> <p>We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, We’re looking for answers to very big questions, Big questions about God, If you’re looking for answers to very big questions ‘bout God, come along, Join PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word. Deep down, diggin’ down, Let’s go diggin’ down, Deep down, diggin’ down, ‘Til answers to all our Big Questions we’ve found. We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word.</p>
<p>Classroom Rules Song</p>	<p>An important part of Praise Factory is helping us worship God and love one another. Our WoGoLOA song reminds us how we should act. Let’s sing it.”</p> <p>WoGoLOA Rules Song <i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 2</i></p> <p>Refrain: WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another,” WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another.”</p> <p>WoGo means “Worship God.” Sound off, 1,2,3, Joyfully take part, Listen to others, Obey your teachers. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>LOA means “Love One Another.” Sound off, 1,2,3, Be kind, Be encouraging, Help others, help others. (<i>Refrain twice</i>)</p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued

Opening Prayer	"Let's ask God to help us obey these rules, and to help us worship Him and love one another as we learn more about Him today. Let's pray." <i>Pray.</i>
Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 11 and Songs	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: How Can We Be Saved?</p> <p>We are all sinners who choose to disobey God. No matter how hard we try, we can never please God or earn eternal life on our own. We would have to live God's way perfectly to do that. That's why we need a Savior to save us from our sins, if we are to know God and become His people. Jesus, God's Son, is the Savior we need! He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead in victory! He alone can give us the gifts of knowing God and enjoying eternal life with Him. He promises to give these gifts to all who repent of their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, 'How Can We Be Saved?' is: It Is God's Free Gift!</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 11 Song <i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 3</i> <i>(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby-Looby")</i> How can we be saved? How can we be saved? How can we be saved? It is God's free gift!</p> <p>How Can We Be Saved? <i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 4</i></p> <p><i>Refrain</i> How can we be saved? How can we be saved? How can we be saved? It's God's free gift. How can we be saved? How can we be saved? How can we be saved? It's God's free gift through Christ.</p> <p>Verse 1 I disobey God, I need a Savior, You disobey God, You need a Savior, We all disobey God, We need a Savior. To save us from our sins. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Verse 2 Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice, On the cross, gave His life, Bought us eternal life, Takes away all our sin, Makes our hearts clean within, When we repent and believe in Him. <i>Refrain</i></p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued**Unit 11
Bible Verse**

"How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

Romans 6:23 tells us: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song
The Free Gift of God: Romans 6:23

PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 5

The free gift of God is,
 The free gift of God is,
 The free gift of God is....what?
 The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus, through Jesus
 The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus. (repeat)
 Romans Six, twenty-three.

We all want to have eternal life, but the sad truth is that none of us deserve it. We have all turned away from God and His good ways. We all deserve God's punishment, not wonderful life with Him. But God in His amazing mercy sent His Son Jesus to live the perfect life we never have lived. He took the punishment we deserve. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He gives us the free gift of eternal life. How good is God to sinners, like you and me!

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)**Bible Truth 2**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FOUR** Bible Truths that all tell us something about the salvation God offers us. We have learned one already. Can you remember what it was? (God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins.)

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:
Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved.

The Bible tells us that we have all rebelled against God and deserve His punishment for our sins. It tells us that our sins are so great that there is no way that we can ever earn God's forgiveness on our own. None of us can ever save ourselves.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>Bible Truth 2 Hymn</p>	<p>“Long ago, a woman named Fanny Crosby was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words to a hymn called “To God Be the Glory” We’re going to learn a verse from it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 9</i></p> <p>To God Be the Glory</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p>Verse 1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that all may go in.</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p>Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thro’ Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>We give glory to God for giving us His Son who He loved so much to be the payment for sins. Sinners could never pay for their sins. Only by Jesus giving up His life in the place of sinners could there ever be a way for them to come to the Father.</p>	<p>Verse 1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that all may go in.</p>	<p>Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thro’ Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.</p>
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<p>Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse and Song</p>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p>John 14:2-6</p> <p>“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”</p> <p>On the night before He died on the cross, Jesus comforted Thomas and the other disciples that He was making the way for them to be saved. He called heaven, His Father’s house and promises them that He is about to make the way for them to be able to live there. There was still much they didn’t understand yet, but later, after He rose from the dead it all began to make sense. On the cross, He paid for God’s people’s sins. He made the way for them to go to heaven. They could depend upon Him and His promises. He was the truth. He would beat sin and death for them so they could have eternal life. He would prepare a place for them and all of God’s people in heaven to be with Him. And one day, He will come back to take them to be there with Him forever. How wonderful that will be!</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 11, Track 10</i></p> <p>In My Father’s House</p> <p>“In my Father’s house are many rooms,” Jesus said. “I go prepare, prepare a place for you. You know the way.” “Lord, we don’t know where You are going,” Thomas said to Him. “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, How can we know the way?” “I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life,” Jesus answered. I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life,” Jesus answered. No one can come to the Father, except through me.” John Fourteen, two through six.</p>		

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Way-Maker**

John 11-14

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Way-Maker.**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the Way-Maker?

2. To where did He make the way? How did He make the way?

(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)

Read story.

After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.

1. Who was the Way-Maker? Jesus.

2. To where did He make the way? How did He make the way? He made the way for God's sinful people to become God's people, getting to know Him and live with Him forever.

Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Cheeky Chieftess**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Cheeky Chieftess.**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the Cheeky Chieftess?

2. What did she do that was cheeky? What did this show to her people? ("Cheeky" means to do something bold and rebellious.)

(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)

Read story.

After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.

1. Who was the Cheeky Chieftess? Kapi'olani.

2. What did she do that was cheeky? What did this show to her people? ("Cheeky" means to do something bold and rebellious.) She picked some of the special Ohelo berries and ate them without first making a sacrifice. Then she threw stones into the mouth of her volcano. Both of these things, the people believed would cause Pele to erupt with anger. She did this to show them that Pele was no goddess and to help her people turn to faith in Jesus.

Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

LESSON 3	
<p>Old Testament Story:</p> <p>The Case of the Light for the Unlikely <i>Genesis 22:18; Isaiah 54:6; Acts 1</i></p>	<p>“Now it’s time for today’s story called: The Case of the Light for the Unlikely.</p> <p>As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the Light? Why was He called the Light? 2. Who were Likely People to receive Him and who were the Unlikely People to receive Him? What did both kinds of people need to do to receive the Light? <p><i>(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)</i></p> <p><i>Read story.</i></p> <p><i>After reading story, ask for the children’s answers to the questions.</i></p> <p>1. Who was the Light? Why was He called the Light? Jesus was the Light. A light shines brightly and shows the way. Jesus, the Son of God, came to show what God was like. He not only showed the way for sinners to come to God, but He made the way, Himself.</p> <p>2. Who were Likely People to receive Him and who were the Unlikely People to receive Him? What did both kinds of people need to do to receive the Light? The people of Israel were the Likely People and the Gentiles (non-Jews) were the Unlikely people. Both Jew and Gentile must confess their sins, turn away from them and trust in Jesus as their Savior, if they are to be saved. This is the only way to God.</p> <p><i>Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)</i></p>

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities *(choose from among these activities)*

Response Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTS Prayer Activity: Add your own prayer requests to the ACTS prayer • Sneaky Snack: Story-related snack • Bible Truth Review Activity: Game with questions related to the Bible Truth • Bible Truth Hymn: Music activities to learn a portion of a Bible Truth-related hymn • Bible Verse Review Activity: Game with questions related to Bible Truth Bible verse • Bible Verse Song: Music activities to learn the Bible Verse song • Story Review Activity: Game with questions related to the Bible Truth and Case • Case RePlay, Jr. and Sr.: Two drama activities that review the story: one for younger children, one for older children. • Craft: Story-related craft • VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person): Game and a coloring activity to help children learn about people in your church and how to pray for them. <p><i>(VIP resources: found online or at back of this book)</i></p>
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4. TAKING IT TO OTHERS *Optional presentations for the last few minutes of class*

Presenting to Other Children	<i>If you split the children into different response activities, you can gather the children together again and have each small group make presentations to show the other children what they learned. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.</i>
Presenting to Parents	<i>If you keep your children together for response activities, you can have them make a presentation of something they have learned to their parents when they come to pick them up from class. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.</i>

5. TAKING IT HOME *(Take Home Sheet)*

PFI Pronto	<i>Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.</i>
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